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: SHIHE FAN et al.

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

This is in response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed on October 16, 2008. This response is accompanied by a request for extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (paid via EFS).

Enclosed herewith is an amended Brief on Appeal that is a complete new brief with the required corrections.

The enclosed brief includes:

- (1) the evidence appendix and related proceedings appendix;
- (4) a summary of the claimed subject matter mapping the independent claims on appeal to the specification by page and line number;
- (7) a clean copy of the claims on appeal in the claims appendix.

It is therefore believed that the enclosed brief satisfies all of the requirements made in the Notification and further consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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